

## Community Assessment Program Area 30 Report to the Community

The Community Assessment Program is intended to bring work groups of city employees across department lines into each neighborhood of the city so all neighborhoods are the focus of an information gathering and issue identification effort at least once a year.

Staff walked this area on September 3, 2003 to conduct a first hand assessment. Corrective actions have been scheduled, assignments made, follow-up is being documented, and this report has been prepared to the community on the area.

This area is bounded on the east by Hall Boulevard, on the north by Highway 217, on the west by Greenburg Road and Cascade Blvd and on the south by Greenburg and Hwy 99W.

Below is a summary of the assessment of your area. Please note where the city or other agency will assume responsibility for follow-up and where private citizens are responsible. Volunteer opportunities are also identified where neighbors could get involved to address issues. Together, we can work to improve our community.

**Kudos** – The walkers made several comments regarding the quality of landscaping in this area, as well as the, nice flowers, and well maintained homes and yards. Kudos to everyone in this area for doing such a great job of maintaining their homes and yards!

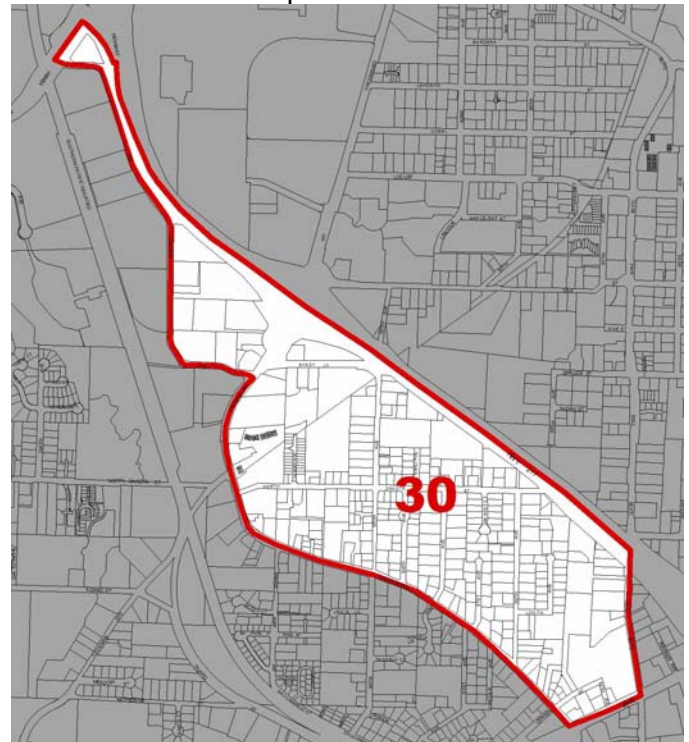
**Trip Hazards on sidewalks** – Sidewalk maintenance is the property owner responsibility. There were several areas with cracks, settling, and overgrown vegetation that could pose a trip hazard and could be a potential liability for property owners. Please make sure that your sidewalk remains a safe place for pedestrians. Questions? Contact Christine Darnell, Code Compliance Specialist, at 503-639-4171 ext. 2441 or [christine@ci.tigard.or.us](mailto:christine@ci.tigard.or.us).

**Street maintenance** – Several comments were received regarding needed street maintenance to fix potholes, cracks etc. The Public Works Department will assess each location and establish a priority for maintenance. Questions? Contact Howard Gregory at 503-639-4171 ext 2606 or [howard@ci.tigard.or.us](mailto:howard@ci.tigard.or.us).

Photo of area 30



Map of Area 30



**Storm drain stenciling** – Few of the storm drains in the area are stenciled to discourage dumping. The city's volunteer coordinator has added storm drain stenciling in this area to the potential volunteer project list. If you're interested in helping out, contact Susan Koepping, Volunteer Coordinator, at 503-639-4171 ext. 2402 or [susank@ci.tigard.or.us](mailto:susank@ci.tigard.or.us).

**Litter along North Dakota** – North Dakota is eligible to be part of the Adopt-A-Street program. If you or your company/group/etc are interested in adopting a portion of North Dakota Street, contact Susan Koepping, Volunteer Coordinator, at 503-639-4171 ext. 2404 or [susank@ci.tigard.or.us](mailto:susank@ci.tigard.or.us).

**Lane striping on streets is faded** – Staff identified locations where lane striping has faded. Engineering will assess the condition and prioritize to place on the street striping list. Contact Mike Mills, Engineering Inspector, at 503-639-4171 ext. 2474 or [mikem@ci.tigard.or.us](mailto:mikem@ci.tigard.or.us)

**Vegetation blocking fire hydrants** – There were a few examples where vegetation had been allowed to grow up around fire hydrants. This can create a problem if there is a fire because the fire department may have a delay while trying to locate and clear the hydrant. The Public Works Department will send out crews to clear the vegetation at the locations noted, but you can help by keeping the vegetation trimmed around a fire hydrant on your property. Questions? Contact Sam Morrison at 503-639-4171 ext. 2600 or [sam@ci.tigard.or.us](mailto:sam@ci.tigard.or.us).

**Businesses without paid business tax** – All businesses including home based businesses in Tigard must pay an annual business tax. If you own a business in this area, please make sure your business tax payment is current. Please contact Heather at 503-639-4171 ext. 2487 or [heather@ci.tigard.or.us](mailto:heather@ci.tigard.or.us) if you have questions. In addition to paying the business tax, you must have an approved home occupation permit to conduct business from your home. Please contact the permit counter at 503-639-4171 ext 2421.

More ways you can help make our community better –

**If you spot graffiti** contact the police non-emergency number at 503-629-0111 to report the location. An officer will be dispatched to photograph the graffiti for record and the property owner or public agency (if it is on a utility pole, box or transit stop) will be notified.

**Neighborhood Watch** - Are your neighbors watching out for you? Do you know your neighbors? Do you know how and when to call Tigard Police? Start a neighborhood watch program! At some point, your neighborhood may have had an active Neighborhood Watch program working in partnership with the Tigard Police. Over time, many Tigard neighborhoods have evolved with new residents moving in and others moving away. Maybe it is time to take another look at your neighborhood. For more information on how to take a bite out of crime in your neighborhood and at the same time get re-acquainted with your neighbors, contact the Tigard Police Crime Prevention Officer at 503-718-2561.

**Help protect our streams** - If you and your neighbors, church group or scout troop would like to help keep our streams clean, help out by volunteering to stencil storm drains. The "dump no waste, drains to stream" message reminds people not to dump soapy water, pesticides or other substances down the storm drains. If you are interested, contact Susan Koepping at 503-639-4171 x 2402 or [susank@ci.tigard.or.us](mailto:susank@ci.tigard.or.us).

If you are interested in serving as a community connector for this area, please contact Liz Newton at 503-639-4171 ext. 2412 or [liz@ci.tigard.or.us](mailto:liz@ci.tigard.or.us). The role of the community connector is a two way communicator of information as well as the neighborhood contact in times of emergency.